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TAGS: PFOR, CA

SUBJECT: STUDY OF IMPACTS OF PQ ELECTION

1. AT DECEMBER 9 MEETING IN DEPARTMENT, THE FOLLOWING  
OUTLINE FOR A STUDY OF THE IMPACTS OF THE PQ ELECTION IN  
QUEBEC WAS AGREED TO BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT,  
EMBASSY OTTAWA, CONGEN QUEBEC CITY, AND OTHER AGENCIES.  
PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PARTS OF STUDY IS INDICATED IN  
PARENTHESES AFTER EACH ITEM OR SECTION, BUT OTHER PARTICI-  
PANTS, ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTRIBUTE AS WELL. IT IS ENVIS-  
AGED THAT STUDY WILL FALL INTO TWO DISTINCT PHASES AND TIMES  
WITH THE FIRST PHASE CALLING FOR SUBMISSIONS BY JANUARY 15  
TO EUR/CAN ON PARTS A AND B. EUR/CAN WILL COORDINATE THE  
FIRST DRAFT OF THESE SECTIONS BY JANUARY 30, AFTER WHICH  
TIME ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL PROCEED WITH PARTS C AND D. IT  
IS EXPECTED THAT ANOTHER MEETING OF THE PARTICIPANTS WILL  
BE HELD DURING THE LATTER PART OF JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY.

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2. OUTLINE FOR STUDY OF IMPACTS OF PQ ELECTION.

A. WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN RE QUEBEC OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS.

DETERMINANTS:

1) PQ POLICIES.

- NEGOTIATION OR CONFRONTATION?
- ALTERNATIVE "INDEPENDENCES"
- TIMING OF VARIOUS STEPS TOWARD "INDEPENDENCE"
- REFERENDUMS AND ELECTIONS
- FORM OF "EDUCATIVE" PROCESS (QUEBEC)

2) FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

- TRUDEAU
- CLARK/TURNER
- OTHER PROVINCIAL ATTITUDES/ACTIONS (OTTAWA)
- CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK (STATE - L)

3) ECONOMIC SITUATION.

- PROVINCIAL (MONTREAL)
- FEDERAL (OTTAWA, EUR/CAN, OTHER US AGENCIES)
- COSTS OF SEPARATION (OTHER US AGENCIES)

4) QUEBEC ATTITUDES.

- HOW MIGHT THEY CHANGE
- CAUSATIVE FACTORS (ECONOMY) (QUEBEC)

5) OUTSIDE INFLUENCES.

- FRANCE
- US (NON-GOVERNMENTAL) (EUR/CAN)

B. POSSIBLE OUTCOMES: (PROBABILITIES AND TIMING).

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- A. MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO.
- B. CONFRONTATION BEFORE REFERENDUM OR ELECTION.
- C. LOOSENED CONFEDERATION: HOW?
- D. INDEPENDENCE AGREED TO OR EN TRAIN.
- E. UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AFTER REFERENDUM. (ALL PARTICIPANTS)

C. IMPACTS OF ALTERNATIVES:

- A. ON CANADA: ECONOMY, NATIONAL UNITY, FOREIGN POLICY.
- B. ON QUEBEC: WHAT KIND OF QUEBEC.
- C. ADVANTAGES FOR US.
- D. PROBLEMS FOR US.
- E. PRESSURES FOR US INVOLVEMENT. (ALL PARTICIPANTS)

D. US PREFERENCES:

--MOST FAVORABLE OUTCOME.

--LEAST FAVORABLE. (:UR/CAN ) KISSINGER

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